

Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee (SFLOAC) Meeting

Wednesday, June 4th 2008, 1:00-3:30 Room 461, Olympia NRB

Meeting Attendees: Sally Butts, Sherry Fox, Mark Hicks, Marc Engel, Jeff Davis, Dave Whipple, Charlene Rodgers, Carol Walters, Jeff Galleher, Dennis Dart, Maurice Williamson, Phil Hess, Ken Miller, Jeffrey Thomas, Adrian Miller

Problem Statement Discussion

- Need a framework to move forward
- The group is wanting to have some success with its policy suggestions
- Sally shared some of her thoughts, referred back to the "Family Forests in Washington – A Vision For the Future" document.
- There is a process issue with policy, Marc has worked with them. Will work more intensively to ensure that everyone does their homework.
- State caucus concerns – don't really have a list, hoped for some more discussion on the issue, keep communicating, need to know exactly what smalls are looking for.
- Ken – respect and appreciation. Smalls manage their land for more than economic reasons; treat them accordingly to their status in the industry in regards to the rules.
- Maurice – dataset needs to be analyzed, there is useful information there. Low impact needs to be more defined.
- Dennis – the goal is to keep it fun for people, enjoyment in keeping their timberland will keep them from converting.
- Overlapping, incongruent, conflicting regulations (county vs. state)
- Problem animal issues, help for that?
- The average landowner is over the age of 57, lands change hands every 25 years, landowners usually only harvest once in their lifetime.
- Need more incentives. The LTA a regulatory incentive, but is only helpful to 10% of active landowners.
- Make class 2 FPA's simpler for smalls?
- The average SFL harvest size is 7 acres according to WFFA, incentives to keep them small? (would have to be different for east and west sides)
- Compliance monitoring; go easy on the little guys?
- Try to keep issues on a state level, can't get into the county level problems.

Wrap-up

- Introductions – Charlene Rodgers and Carol Walters; they are working on the two legislative reports due this upcoming session, one of the reports deals with SFLO demographics.
- Meeting time - Same time same place next month.